

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1173

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Howard Carlton on the occasion of his retirement from the Tennessee Department of Correction.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Howard Carlton is one such estimable citizen who has served with distinction for thirty-one years with the Tennessee Department of Correction; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2010, Mr. Carlton will begin his much-deserved retirement from an impressive career in correction that has spanned many societal changes and more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of David Lipscomb University, Howard Carlton began his illustrious tenure with the Tennessee Department of Correction as a juvenile probation officer before being transferred to the Division of Adult Probation in Columbia in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlton was instrumental in establishing the Tennessee Correction Academy in Tullahoma, which, through a focus on professional service, has set the standard for excellence in the delivery of criminal justice training; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlton's tireless efforts and unsurpassed integrity did not go unnoticed, and this remarkable man was soon named Warden of the Southeast Tennessee State Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, offering his industrious work ethic and uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life, on May 9, 1992, Howard Carlton was appointed Warden at Northeast Correctional Complex, where he has distinguished himself as a visionary leader in inspections, accreditations, and fiscal management for the past eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, an important member of his profession, Mr. Carlton renders sterling service as an auditor for the American Correctional Association; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to community and public service, Howard Carlton lends his time and tremendous talents to numerous organizations, including the Johnson County School Board for the first district, the Johnson County Health Center, United Way, Johnson County Little League board, and the Mountain City Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of his merited retirement, Mr. Carlton is looking forward to embarking on a new career, having been accepted into the Accelerated Second Degree Nursing program at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Howard Carlton exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent public servant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlton has served with the utmost professionalism and integrity, winning the unqualified respect and admiration of his superiors, his colleagues, the public, and the members of the General Assembly alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Howard Carlton for his outstanding thirty-one years of exemplary service with the Tennessee Department of Correction, thank him for his bravery and dedication, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.